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The applicant hereby submits his reply to the Office Action which was mailed on October 22, 2002. A reply was initially due by January 22, 2003. A request for a three month extension to respond together with the required fee is submitted herewith. Accordingly a response to the October 22, 2002 office action is now due by April 22, 1003.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend Claim 1 as follows:

-- 1. Amended: A method of extracting lipid associated sialoprotein from the following



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